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Today's Date: January 12, 2012
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FULL CLOSURE STATE ROUTE 140 FROM EAST OF KELLY AVENUE TO EAST OF SANTA FE AVENUE IN MERCED COUNTY

Merced County - The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close State Route 140 (SR-140) from east of Kelly Avenue to Santa Fe Avenue beginning Monday, January 16, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. until Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 8:00 p.m.

The closure is necessary to complete needed support work prior to Friday's anticipated rains. Crews will grind and add fill before paving to raise the roadway along the current section between Kelly Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue.

DETOUR:

Eastbound -

- SR-140 to southbound Parsons Avenue;
- Parsons Avenue to eastbound Childs Avenue;
- Childs Avenue to northbound Kibby Road;
- Continue on eastbound SR-140.

Westbound -

- SR-140 to southbound Kibby Road;
- Kibby Road to westbound Childs Avenue;
- Childs Avenue to northbound Parsons Avenue;
- Continue on westbound SR-140.

The signed detour route is three miles long and motorists should anticipate 20 minute delays. Alternate routes should be taken whenever possible.

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This work is scheduled to begin as listed, but is subject to change based on weather conditions.

This work is part of the \$22.8 million SR-140/Bradley Overhead Widening project which began in June of 2011. The project will replace an existing, aging bridge and widen the roadway from two lanes to four lanes along SR-140. The project begins at Marthella Avenue and ends just east of Santa Fe Avenue. Operational improvements will also include realigning a portion of two major streets and installing two new traffic signal lights.

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For the safety of workers and other motorists, please Slow For the Cone Zone.

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